

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
MACON DIVISION

MICHAEL ALONZA RUFUS,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF GEORGIA, *et al.*,

Respondents.

CIVIL ACTION NO.
5:23-cv-00088-TES-CHW

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO APPEAL *IN FORMA PAUPERIS* AS MOOT

Before the Court is pro se Petitioner Michael Alonza Rufus's Motion for Leave to Appeal *In Forma Pauperis* [Doc. 31]. By Orders dated November 15, 2023 and December 15, 2023, the Court found that Petitioner failed to make a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right and therefore denied a certificate of appealability ("COA"). [Doc. 25, pp. 6–7]; [Doc. 28, p. 2 n.1]. Given that the Court has found that Petitioner is not entitled to a COA, his Motion for Leave to Appeal *In Forma Pauperis* [Doc. 31] is **DENIED as moot**.

SO ORDERED, this 16th day of January, 2024.

S/ Tilman E. Self, III

TILMAN E. SELF, III, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT